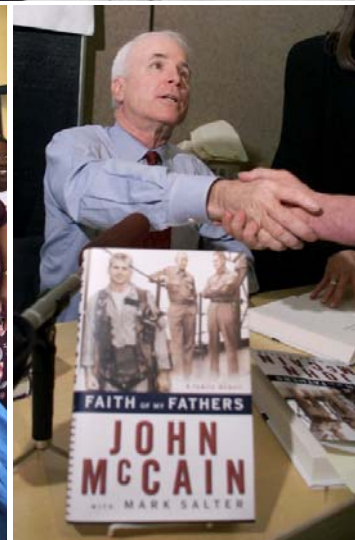
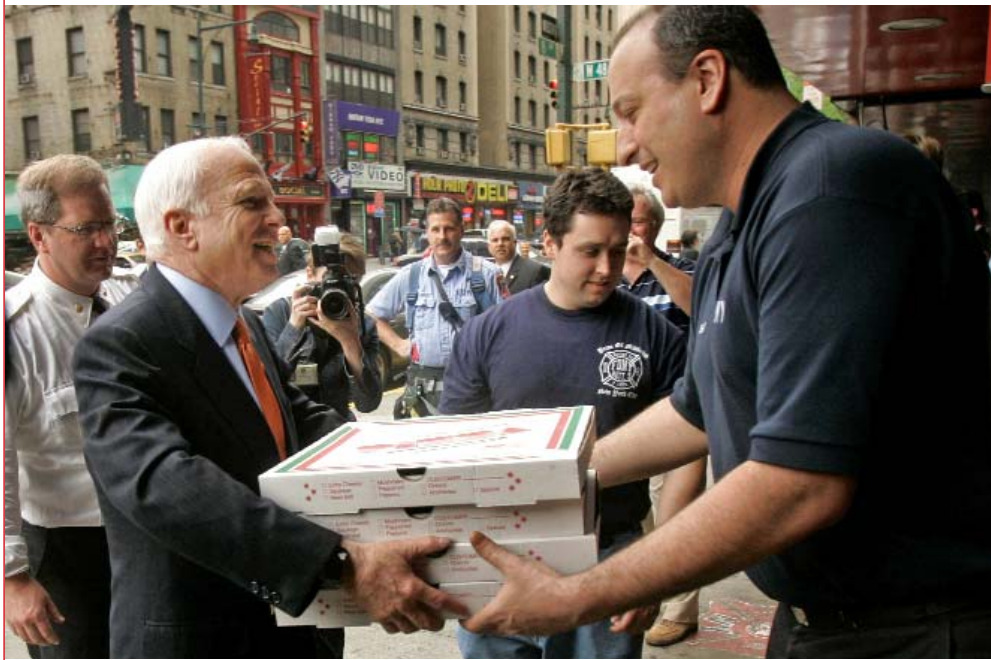




McCain vs. Obama

A Landmark Presidential Election



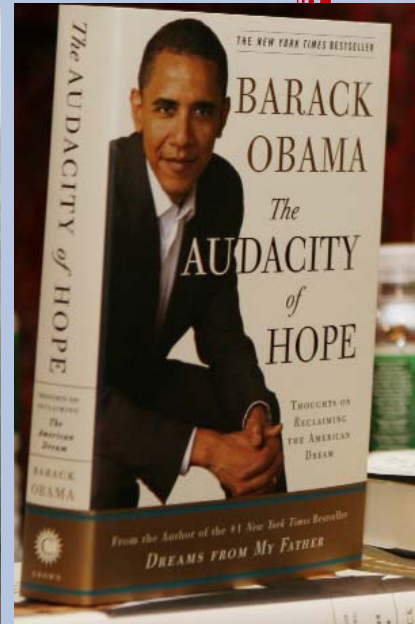
Representing the state of Arizona as a Republican, John McCain has served in the Senate, the upper house of the U.S. Congress, since 1986. He spent 22 years in the Navy and credits military experience with shaping his understanding of national security and foreign policy.

Top left: McCain hands boxes of pizza to firefighter Leonard Sieli in New York during a campaign visit. Top right: President Richard M. Nixon and other Americans welcomed McCain as a hero when he was released from a Vietnamese prisoner of war camp in 1973. Above left: McCain greets visitors at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee, after an event to mark the 40th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination.

Above center: Members of the Gee's Bend Quilters Collective sing along with McCain aboard his campaign bus during a stop in Camden, Alabama. Above right: McCain toured the country with his book Faith of My Fathers in 1999 during his first campaign for the presidency. McCain was born in the Panama Canal Zone, on August 29, 1936, when his father was serving in the Navy in the then U.S. territory.

After six months of primary voting, each of the largest American political parties has settled on a candidate who will make history if elected President of the United States in November.

Senators Barack Obama of Illinois and John McCain of Arizona remain the presumptive Democratic and Republican candidates until their party conventions confirm their nominations in late August and September. If McCain wins, he would be the oldest person elected President of the United States. Obama would be the first African American President if he is victorious.



Serving in the Senate since 2004, Barack Obama introduced legislation that allows Americans to learn online how their tax dollars are spent. He also serves on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, which helps oversee the care of soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Above left: Obama works with Quincy, Illinois Mayor John Spring to fill sandbags used to halt flooding, during his campaign for the Democratic Party presidential nomination. Previously, Obama served eight years in the Illinois State Senate.

Top right: Obama comforts student Marilyn Pace as they discuss her financial aid needs to remain enrolled at Wayne County Community

College in Michigan state in June 2008.

Above center: Obama became the first black president of the Harvard Law Review in 1990. In this photo from his days at Harvard Law School, he holds a copy of the prestigious journal.

Above right: Obama's book The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream, was published in 2006.



Above left: Obama was born August 4, 1961, in Hawaii. He is shown here with his mother, Ann Dunham, from Kansas, in the 1960s.

*Top center: Obama was 2 when his father left the family, returning only once, when this photo was taken. Obama was 10 and wrote poignantly about the visit years later in his memoir, *Dreams from My Father*.*

Above center: Obama, 9, with his Indonesian stepfather, Lolo Soetoro; his mother, and his year-old half-sister, Maya, in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Above right: Obama, his wife, Michelle, and daughters Malia and Sasha in Chicago, their hometown, in 2004.



Far left: McCain with his father, John S. McCain, Jr. The candidate is the son and grandson of Navy admirals.

Left: McCain with his wife, Cindy, and their children (from left) Meghan, Bridget, Jimmy and Jack. McCain also has three children from his first marriage. Bridget was adopted from the Mother Teresa orphanage in Bangladesh.